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GENERAL COTTIMERS, &c.
ARE SHOWING
A New Cheap Line
In TENNIS SHOES,
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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1897.

大利通 號七廿月二英港香

THIRTY DOLLARS
PER ANNUM.

Banks.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,
LIMITED.

Authorised Capital.....\$1,000,000
Subscribed Capital.....\$500,000

HEAD OFFICE.—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors—
D. Gillies, Esq. Chow Tung Shang, Esq.
H. Stoltzfoth, Esq. Kwan Ho Chuen, Esq.
Chan Kit Shan, Esq.

Chief Manager,

GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per Cent.
Hongkong, 23rd October, 1893.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$10,000,000
RESERVE FUND.....\$6,000,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROP'TORS.....\$10,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS:
ST. C. MICHAELSON, Esq.—Chairman,
Hon. J. J. BELL-IRVING—Deputy Chairman,
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CHIEF MANAGER:

Hongkong—T. JACKSON, Esq.

MANAGER:
Shanghai—J. P. Wade, Gardiner, Esq.
London Bankers—London and County
Banking Company, Limited.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per Cent.
per Annum on the daily balance.

INTEREST ON FIXED DEPOSITS:
For 3 months, 2½ per Cent. per Annum.
For 6 months, 3 per Cent. per Annum.
For 12 months, 4 per Cent. per Annum.

T. JACKSON,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 27th February, 1897.

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3½ PER
CENT. per annum.

Depositors may transfer at their option balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4 PER CENT. per annum.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 1st August, 1895.

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA,
AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.
HEAD OFFICE—LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP.....\$800,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHARE-
HOLDERS.....\$800,000
RESERVE FUND.....\$350,000

INTEREST ALLOWED on CURRENT
ACCOUNT at the rate of a per cent. per
annum on the Daily Balances.

On Fixed Deposits for 12 months... 4 per cent.

" " 5 " " 3½ "

" " 3 " " 2½ "

T. H. WHITEHEAD,

Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 10th October, 1896.

For Sale.

CYCLES! CYCLES! CYCLES!

ALL THE RAGE!

ALL THE GO!

"Cheap at any Price" is the verdict of all Cyclists
who have tried the

"DEFIANCE"

Suitable for LADIES and GENTLEMEN.

THE Undersigned have received a Small
Consignment of the Famous

"DEFIANCE"

Bicycle and are offering them for Sale at Prices
within the reach of everybody.

ALSO!

ALSO!

SAFES! SAFES! SAFES!

of best Japanese make and just the same as
those that stood the test of fire admirably in the
great conflagration at Kobe about a year ago.

FOR SALE

AT MODERATE PRICES
and are equal to and cheaper than English
Safes.

From a foot to a foot 6 inches.

Cycles and Safes now on View at

L. M. ALVAREZ & CO.,

Over A TAN'S STORE,

Queen's Road, Central.

Hongkong, 6th February, 1897.

Intimation.

MOUNT AUSTIN HOTEL.

1,400 FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS,
"EXCESSION," HONGKONG.

A. B. C. Code.

THE TEMPERATURE IS AT LEAST 10 DEGREES COOLER THAN IN
QUEEN'S ROAD.

TIFFIN AT 1 P.M.

ARRANGEMENTS can be made for TIFFIN or DINNER PARTIES in
PRIVATE DINING-ROOMS.

For further particulars apply to

TELEPHONE,

No. 35.

THE MANAGER,

MOUNT AUSTIN HOTEL.

(14)

Insurances.

THE MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE
COMPANY.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1844.

CAPITAL.....\$2,000,000

TOTAL FUNDS AND SECURITY.....\$3,486,053

NET ANNUAL FIRE PREMIA.....\$75,478

HAVING been appointed AGENTS of the
above Company we are prepared to accept
ACCEPT EUROPEAN and CHINESE RISKS
AT CURRENT RATES.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,

Agents

Hongkong, 2nd January, 1897.

NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned AGENTS of the above
Company are prepared to accept First
CLASS FOREIGN and CHINESE RISKS at
CURRENT RATES.

SIEGMSEN & Co.

Hongkong, 28th May, 1895.

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY,
(LIMITED).

CAPITAL, TAELS 600,000

EQUAL TO \$833,333-33-

RESERVE FUND.....\$318,000.00

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Luk Sing, Esq. Lo Yew Moon, Esq.

MANAGER—HO AMEL.

MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken
at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the
World.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST,

Hongkong, 1st December, 1896.

NOTICE,

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY,
(LIMITED).

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....\$1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept
MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on Goods,
etc. Policies granted to all Parts of the world
payable at any of its Agencies.

CHAU TSEUNG FAT,

Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE,
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.

Hongkong, 28th May, 1897.

Amusement.

If you have lost SYMPATHY you are
called from light:

WELCOME RETURN

WILLISON'S CIRCUS.

THE SHOW OF SHOWS.

Sold as the Rock of Gibraltar, it has gained the
topmost rank in the Golden Oplations of the
Hongkong Public.

3 FAREWELL PERFORMANCES

MONDAY, 1st March.

OUR NEW COMPANY.

TUESDAY, 2nd March.

Under the Patronage and in the Presence of
His Excellency The Governor
of Hongkong.

SIR WILLIAM ROBINSON, K.C.M.G.

TESTIMONIAL BENEFIT

tendered

BERT WILLISON,

A.T.W.O.R.A.B.M.,

The Popular Proprietor.

Several well-known local Gentlemen Amateurs
have kindly volunteered to perform
in the Arenas.

WEDNESDAY, 3rd March.

POSITIVE FAREWELL—

\$20 will be paid to the person
whose letter is first opened by a Committee of
appointed gentlemen, giving the correct
interpretation of the missing words
after Mr. WILLISON's name.

A.T.W.O.R.A.B.M.

Another Event

LOCAL HORSE LEAPING CONTEST
ridden by Owners or Gentlemen Jockeys only.

For a MAGNIFICENT SILVER CUP

Presented by Mr. WILLISON

and now on view at

G. FALCONER & CO'S

Secure your Seats early for the

FINAL THREE NIGHTS

of the Show that has delighted Millions in every

Country, every Climate.

Hongkong, 26th February, 1897.

TRY THE

MASONIC.

ZETLAND LODGE,

No. 525, E.C.

REGULAR MEETING of the above

LODGE will be held in the FARRAGORNS'

Hall, Zetland Street, on MONDAY, the 1st

March, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely.

Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, 23rd February, 1897.

Intimations.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR STEAMERS CAPTAINS TO SAIL REMARKS

LONDON ... Canlon A. G. Cubitt, R.R. About 6th March. Freight or Passage.

SHANGHAI, &c. Cylon J. R. Lenden, R.R. About 6th Mar.... Freight or Passage.

SHANGHAI Rosetta F. N. Tillard About 7th Mar.... Freight or Passage.

LONDON, &c. Rohilla F. Cole Noon, 11th Mar. [See Special Advertisement]

JAPAN Ancona W. D. Madie Noon, 12th Mar. [Freight or Passage.]

LONDON Java J. Chellaw, R.R. About 18th Mar.... Freight or Passage.

Intimation.

CHOICE AUSTRALIAN WINES
FROM THE CELEBRATED,
COOLALTA VINEYARDS,
NEW SOUTH WALES.

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SAMPLES may be had FREE on application to

Messrs. CALDBECK, MACGREGOR & Co., Sole Agents for Hongkong.

Hongkong, 4th February, 1897. [345]

**To-day's
Advertisements.**

THEATRE ROYAL
CITY HALL

THE HONGKONG AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB
WILL GIVE PERFORMANCES OF
"LES CLOCHES DE CORNEVILLE,"
ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:—

TO-NIGHT.—(SATURDAY, the 27th February, 1897, TUESDAY, and the March, 1897.)

Doors Open each Night at 8.30 P.M.
Performance at 9 P.M., precisely.

PRICES.—\$3, \$2 and \$1.
Half-price to Soldiers, Sailors and Police in Uniform.

LATE TRAMS will run 1 hour after the fall of the Curtain.

The BOOKING OFFICE at THEATRE ROYAL is open

From 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. daily.

E. W. MITCHELL,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, 27th February, 1897. [344]

Intimation.

A. S. WATSON & CO.,
LIMITED.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

**W I N E S
A N D
S P I R I T S.**

ALL these are selected by our London House, bought direct at first hand, imported in wood and bottled by ourselves, thus saving all intermediate profits, and enabling us to supply the best growths at MODERATE PRICES.

PRICE LISTS, with Full Details, to be had by Application.

No. 73.—

THE following is published,

By Command,
J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 25th February, 1897.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

THE SANITARY BOARD desires to invite the attention of the PUBLIC to the Provisions of bye-law 20 of the bye-laws made under Section 13 of Ordinance 15 of 1894, viz.—

The Sanitary Board by its Officers may provide for the removal to the Hygeia or other appointed place of all persons suffering from such diseases (viz. (1) Bubonic Plague, (2) Cholera, and (3) Small-pox) and no removals shall take place except under the orders of the said Board or one of its authorized Officers, or of a legally qualified and registered medical practitioner and then only in such manner and with such precautions as the said Board shall from time to time direct.

No such removal shall take place provided that a legally qualified and registered medical practitioner certifies that such persons are being properly treated without danger to the Public Health.

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The Board further desires to inform the Public that arrangements exist for the removal to Hospital of persons suffering from the diseases referred to above and that such removal will promptly be made on the receipt of an application by the Secretary to the Board. These arrangements have been made with a view to protecting the Public from the danger that the unnecessary exposure of persons suffering from these dangerous diseases may give rise to.

The penalty for contravening the bye-law quoted above is a fine not exceeding Twenty-five Dollars in any one case.

HUGH McCALLUM,
Secretary.

Sanitary Board Room, Hongkong, 18th February, 1897. [378]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship

"CATHERINE APCAR"

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after 4 P.M. of the 2nd March, will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense into the Godowns of Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, at Wan Chai.

Consignees of Cargo, from SINGAPORE and PENANG are requested to take IMMEDIATE DELIVERY of their Goods from alongside; such Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DAVID SASOON, SONS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 27th February, 1897. [375]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR TAIWANFOO.

THE Company's Steamship

"CHIHLI".

Captain J. S. Roach, will be despatched for the above Port on TUESDAY, the 2nd March, at 4 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 27th February, 1897. [374]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR CHINKIA-G (DIRECT).

THE Company's Steamship

"TAMSUI".

Captain Vaughan, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 4th March, at 4 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 27th February, 1897. [375]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI.

THE Company's Steamship

"WUHUA".

Captain Benson, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 5th March, at 4 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 27th February, 1897. [375]

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship

"CATHERINE APCAR".

Captain J. G. Ollant, will be despatched for the above Ports, on SATURDAY, the 6th March, at 3 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DAVID SASOON, SONS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 27th February, 1897. [377]

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUZI CANAL.

THE Steamship

"STRATHLEVEN."

to sail about 10th March, 1897.

S.S. "MACDUFF," to sail about 22nd March, 1897.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 27th February, 1897. [360]

"RICKMERS'" REGULAR LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR BREMEN AND HAMBURG.

THE Company's Steamship

"HELENE RICKMERS."

Captain Rebbelund, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 18th March.

For Freight, apply to

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co., Agents.

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THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1897.

THERE appears to be a scarcity in the supply of mutton from Shanghai at present, and this morning we were informed that as much as 50 cents per catty was being charged at the Central Market for this description of meat. A *Telegraph* reporter made enquiries of the stall holders during the morning, and found that at three different stalls the respective prices, asked for mutton were 20, 30, and 40 cents, and it is not improbable that as much as 50 cents was asked earlier. The butchers say that the increase in prices is caused by the small supplies of sheep coming to hand from the North, but we believe there are other and more serious causes.

A NEW, well written, and carefully edited Chinese periodical is now in circulation in the colony. It is styled *Chi San-po*, or *Reformer*, and is published at Macao. We have received the first number and find it contains the latest news from all parts of the world, and a caustic leader exposing the corruption in high places in China and advocating reforms. It is, of course, never too late to mend, and although China has missed her opportunity to take the stick in time that saves one, there can be little doubt that the advocates of reform, and the enlightenment of the ill-governed masses may yet have the satisfaction of finding that their patriotic labours have not been in vain—that they have not been casting pearls before swine. The *Reformer* has doubtless a large field of usefulness before it. It seems to have been launched with the best intentions and as the whole of the matter published in the first number is what may be termed wholesome literature, it is to be hoped that the Editor will stick to his model issue and receive very cordial support from his countrymen.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Nethersole Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the Hospitals:

Butterfield & Swire	\$100
H.K. & S. Banking Corporation	100
Reiss & Co.	100
E. D. Sassoon & Co.	100
Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	50
Carlowitz & Co.	50
E. E. A. and C. T. Co. Ltd.	50
Johnson, Stokes & Master	50
Meyer & Co.	50
P. & O. S. N. Co.	50
Scottish Oriental S.S. Cos	50
Siemens & Co.	50
Standard Oil Co. of New York	50
Banque de l'Inde-Chine	25
Douglas S.S. Co., Ltd.	25
Gibb, Livingston & Co.	25
Gilman & Co.	25
T. Jackson	25
Ed. Osborne	10

THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

A CORRESPONDENT at Bangkok, writing to the *Debats*, draws attention to the bad treatment inflicted upon French subjects and *protégés* by the Siamese authorities. It seems that numerous Cambodians, Annamites, and Laotians, who have registered themselves as *protégés* at the French Legation, and who have been granted certificates by the French authorities, are for this reason alone ill-treated. To become a French subject in Siam is, says the correspondent, to put oneself outside the law and to be regarded as a vagabond by the Siamese officials. He cites a number of instances of Cambodians arrested because of their refusal, as French *protégés*, of the *curves*, and a French *protégé* in a certain number of localities being forced to give up the papers obtained from the French Legation to the Siamese, who burn them, while a number of French *protégés* are imprisoned. Further, we learn that the fact of being a French subject, or *protégé*, renders an individual absolutely unfit to obtain from Siam any kind of concession, whilst the Siamese Government does not cease to award the same to English subjects in the part of Siam reserved to French influence by the Anglo-French Convention of Jan. 15, 1896, and which, if things continue as they are going at present, will end by becoming practically a British dependency. The situation, deplores the correspondent, has become intolerable, and the French Government should not permit it unless it wants to abdicate its position.

A CORRESPONDENT of the *Morning Post* propounds the question:—Is it not time that we reconsider our views in regard to official secrecy? The Admiralty, he asserts, is making, and rightly making, a great fuss about the divulgence of naval news by persons employed in the departments of the State. When wine merchants and tailors can get information regarding the appointments of various officers to different ships some hours before any intimation reached the officers themselves, it becomes evident that there is a leakage somewhere; and though in this case no very great amount of harm is done, the probability of a similar betrayal of news of more importance is obvious. What, however, renders the position of the Government somewhat ridiculous is that at the same time that so much notice is being taken of this matter, it is officially announced that "every facility is to be given to a former Lieutenant in the Navy of the United States who desires to visit Chatham Dockyard for the purpose of familiarising himself with the methods adopted for defending armoured ships—against torpedo attacks. At the time of the visit of the Italian Fleet to Portsmouth in 1895 it was a matter of comment that all possible information was afforded its officers. When the visit of the French Fleet took place in 1897 a similar policy was pursued. Such international courtesy is very charming, but it has disadvantages, and it is certainly in strong contrast with the treatment which would be extended to any British subject who should desire to make himself acquainted with the Service secret regarding torpedo attacks.

Mr. Cox proposed and Mr. Ho Tung seconded the resolution of Messrs Osborne and Wilcox as directors, which was agreed to.

Messrs W. H. Potts and W. H. Gaekell were re-elected auditors on the motion of Messrs Chan Chan Nam and Wong Kam Fook.

In reply to Captain Goddard, the Chairman said that, with their permission, they would require little if any, for during the summer, as everything could be kept cool by ice.

The meeting then terminated.

MASONIC QUADRILLE PARTY.

A very successful dance was given in the City Hall last night by the members of the United Service and St. John's Lodges, over 400 guests being present. Among the company were their Excellencies the Governor, Admiral Bellier, and Major-General Black, Colonel Gordon and a large number of naval and military officers. The hall was very beautifully decorated by Staff Sergeant Cusack and men of the West Works and Brother H. Bulger artistically arranged the electric lighting, including the large square and compass over the stairs. Masonic emblems were everywhere conspicuous and some trophies of arms also lent to the general effectiveness of the decorations. The profusion of palms, ferns and shrubs along the stairs and the bright hues of the national designs made a beautiful harmony in colour, and was greatly admired. H.M.S. *Centurion*'s band supplied first-rate music and the important matter of supper was attended to in a way that gave the utmost satisfaction. The last dance was the Caucasian Circle, and while it was in progress the scene in the ball-room was most attractive, the regals of the masters, the glitter and colours of the uniforms, and the charming dresses of the ladies forming a rich and memorable *souvenir*. During the evening the time-honoured "Masonic Quadrille" was also danced, when the ladies wore the regals of their partners. The dance closed a little after 3 a.m. and the general opinion was that it had been a most enjoyable one. The programme was as follows:—

Quadrille	Jolly Company
Masonic Value	Grand Lodge
Schottische	Chicago
Lancers	La Cleale
Value	Down Wall
Value	Love's Story
Quadrille	The Lily of Kilmorey
Bar Dance	Yola
Bar Dance	Kildare
Bar Dance	Royal Navy
Bar Dance	Hades Hall
Quadrille	Jack in the Green
Value	Fair Narragansett
Value	Many Midnights
Schottische	Twelve Years
Value	Mr. Belle Adore
Lancers	Vesper
Manuka	Le Scarene
Value	La Rovere
Quadrille	Dancing in the Dark
Bar Dance	Caucasian Circle

The following gentlemen formed the Committee for the dance, and to them the hearty thanks of the guests are due for the efficient manner in which their pleasure and comfort was studied:—

Wor. Brother W. A. Hall, Brother H. Hall,

W. C. H. Hastings, H. B. Bridger,

J. Lowrie, H. E. A. Smith,

W. L. Ford, W. Farmer,

J. Bryant, J. Bremer,

H. J. Watson, W. G. Whewell,

J. Dillon, J. G. Newberry,

J. Andrews, J. Cusek,

H. L. Stringer, G. Watling,

G. J. W. King, W. Burgess,

D. J. McKeane, R. Graham,

R. Hartav, Hon. Secretary.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

The sixth ordinary annual meeting of the National Bank of China, Ltd., was held at the bank premises at noon to-day, Present: Mr. Stoltzfoth (Chairman), Mr. D. Gilles, Mr. Kwan Ho Chuen, and Mr. Chan Kit Shan, Directors, and numerous shareholders.

The Chairman said—Gentlemen, your Director in submitting to you the accounts and report for the past year are happy to state that steady progress continues notwithstanding the exceeding keen and increasing competition in banking business in the Far East. From the accounts now presented to you, you will see that besides paying the same dividend, £2,000 per share, your Directors propose placing £12,000 to reserve, carrying forward £3,500 to next account. Comparing the items in the accounts you will yourselves be able to note the progress made, which, under the circumstances, may be considered satisfactory. Government securities belonging to the Bank are much larger this year than last. The whole amount is held in London, as we find it necessary in order to facilitate our financial operations, to keep a fairly large sum available in London, and to do so it suits our purpose better and it is more economical to keep such sum in Government securities giving interest than to leave the money idle, or next to idle in the hands of our London bankers. Our new issue, though small, commands a high price and keeps out very well in the hands of the public; in fact, our credit is such that we could circulate a far larger amount of notes. The account of furniture, stationery and stamps has been reduced by about \$1,700. Eastern markets generally are going through rather trying times, the position of silver not having improved since December, 1896, and the future being very uncertain. The world's production of gold in 1896 was not so large as in 1895, and therefore the tendency towards the appreciation of gold (which we hoped had been arrested) still exists and may ultimately cause our local exchanges to drop to a lower level. The famine and now the plague in India are seriously affecting our trade with that country, while the rebellion in the Philippines and the continued unsettled state of Formosa have both helped to limit the volume of transactions with these countries. It is to be hoped, however, that all these are simply passing evils and that trade all round will improve. With these remarks, gentlemen, I now beg to move that the accounts and report be adopted and that a dividend of 2/6 per share be paid.

There being no questions, the adoption of the report and accounts was proposed by Mr. Stoltzfoth and seconded by Mr. Kwan Ho Chuen and carried unanimously.

It was proposed by Lee Chin Hing and seconded by Woo Yik Tai, that Messrs Stoltzfoth and Kwan Ho Chuen be re-elected Directors in Hongkong, and that Mr. Wilson be re-elected a member of the London Committee. Carried unanimously.

Proposed by Mr. See Fung Chiu and seconded by Mr. Tsai Yam, "that Mr. Wilson be re-elected a member of the London Committee." Carried unanimously.

The meeting then closed.

ARE WE READY?

Mr. J. Tod-Mercer contributes a very carefully prepared essay to the January number of the *Navy League Journal*, wherein he calls attention to matters the importance of which, as regards our assumed "supremacy at sea" at least, can hardly be exaggerated, and even if exaggerated to an extent that induces alarm, ought not real and material benefit to the British nation can possibly result therefrom, for to be forewarned is to be forearmed. Mr. Tod-Mercer in the course of his remarks says:—

It is too much the habit of even fairly well-informed people to talk and write about the importance of "maintaining our supremacy at sea," just as if we had it at the present time.

Lord Nelson laid down his life that we might have it. We won it for us at Trafalgar. At his death he bequeathed it to the nation. And what have we done with this precious heritage? We have lost it. Of recent years there has been a levelling up all round us, and we are relatively infinitely weaker than in Nelson's time. During the last thirty years there have sprung into existence no fewer than five new navies that Nelson did not need to reckon with, because they could hardly be said to exist at all. Besides the French Navy there are now the American, Austrian, German, Italian and Russian navies. Now, "supremacy at sea means at least this, viz., that we are strong enough to overcome any combination of those navies, and at most that we could attack and defeat them." We could do that in Nelson's time, and we did it. Then we had the command of the sea. Now we could not be sure of victory if we were attacked by a combination of only two of the above-mentioned fleets; therefore we must lose the command of the sea, and therefore we are really living on the sufferance of the Powers. We have not kept pace with some of the other Powers in naval matters. We must have no illusions about it. We must not, as you tell me, rest content with a general belief in the defensive virtue of being English. If we do so we shall only be preparing a *Trafalgar* for ourselves. We must take stock of "the present condition of our Navy," and the condition of its rivals, is necessary to meet the exigencies of war and of peace. We must be prepared to defend ourselves against all manner of attack.

"Well, after this, where next?"

I left for England soon after and joined the Barnum show on its first and only appearance in London. The cold was too much for me after the tropics, so, after a run over to the Paris Exhibition, I left for the Argentine with a host of novelties and reached Buenos Ayres, the grandest city in that part of the world, its miles of streets covering, it is said, a bigger area than London proper. Most of its houses are one storey and it is over 200 miles of tramways running in all directions. There are as many as 23 daily newspapers, printed in seven different languages, English, French, German, Spanish, Russian, Italian and Portuguese. It was in Buenos Ayres I had my first taste of the horrors of war, during the great revolution of 1890. For five days during the bombardment of the city my wife and I sat up to our ears not daring to go out in the open, bullets flying round like hail and cannon balls shattering many a costly edifice. This was very lively while these disturbances are on, and it is just as well to live as low as you can until the shooting is over. Provisions were at a premium and sardines and biscuits were luxuries to be dreamt of. You can do nothing with a show when the town is up, and our circus horses and material were planted in La Plata, the seat of Government, about two hours' ride from Buenos Ayres. After the trouble had ceased and the Civil Guard succumbed to the Government forces, I was the first in the field with an Opera Company composed entirely of English performers. It was purely experimental and had been all arranged before the outbreak. So, as soon as peace was declared, the company sailed from England under the management of Edwin Cleary. The novelty of an English Opera Company invading the Argentine was too much for the excited Spaniards, and our success was phenomenal; in less than four months we had a net profit of £6,000, no one being more surprised than the management. After this stroke of fortune I went back to the sawdust and spangles, going in with Frank Bourne, the famous Water Pantomime, was produced, astonishing the staid old citizens. Then we rigged up other shows to conquer and in a specially chartered ship we sailed for South Africa in 1891, visiting all the principal towns

and pantomime study of the navies of Europe, Mr. Stevens says we said "fourteen battleships, seven more cruisers, and 100 destroyers and torpedo boats" (and of course men and officers in proportion), "before our Navy will be equal to the necessities of a war with France" and Russia as their fleet will stand in 1899. This is a combination of two Navies only. Where would we be if a third—say Germany—were to join them against us? Why, we would be hopelessly outnumbered.

These are facts for our people to ponder over. These are facts which our Navy League never ceases to bring before the nation, which is at last beginning to realise that it is living in a fool's paradise. Plain people naturally think that the Lords of the Admiralty (who are paid for it) will see to it, and here us all right in these matters. The inexplicable fact remains that no Admiralty will rise to the occasion until the great mass of the people compel them to do so. Therefore I would suggest (to be practical) that the Navy League should approach the Lord Mayor and the Mayors and Provosts of all the larger cities and towns, and invite them to call meetings of their respective citizens to consider the alarming weakness of our Navy. I would further suggest that resolutions be passed and petitions signed at these meetings calling upon the Government to give us back the command of the sea, and to maintain our supremacy in all time coming. To support a strong naval policy should be a condition imposed on all candidates for Parliament, no matter what party they belong to. If the people adopt these measures they will get what they want, but not till then. There is no time to be lost. The matter is of extreme urgency and of paramount importance.

ROUND THE WORLD WITH A CIRCUS.

A CHAT WITH BERT WILLISON.

"The world is a small place after all" is a well-known saying that constantly recurs to me while I was chatting with Mr. Bert Willison, the Circus proprietor, in his cosy room at the Hongkong Hotel the other day. It was about 20 years ago, I was told, that I first met "Prince Bert," as he was then popularly called; a smooth-faced, good-looking youth, full of an energy and magnetism that augured well for his future. Though only a boy in years, Willison was manager for Professor Rice, a famous American mind-reader. Looking through my old friend's newspaper scrap-book just now I followed his see-saw of life all over the globe, moving from continent to continent with difficult shows; now in the heat of the Indies, and later amid the snows of the Andes. Here we are in the stormy tides in Buenos Ayres, in a "Yellow Jack" epidemic in Brazil; now with a show in the stormy tides in South Africa, Verily, in the course of an hour with the book open can give points to Jules Verne's hero in the matter of fast travel.

"Yes," said Mr. Willison, "this is my first 'show' experience in the Far East, though 15 years ago I was out this way buying animals for Barnum and other big circuses folk in the States. My longest spell was in South America, where I spent no less than seven years, and I can *speak* some in Spanish like a native. Revolutions down there are as frequent as typhoons in Manila and I have seen them, too. One friend said 'I know about that country since 1887 (before the abolition of slavery). Slavery was popular then and was conducted openly. The Emperor Dom Pedro, who was very popular, took a great interest in his subjects and saw that they were not harmed. The slaves were far better treated than were those in the States in the old days. It was not because the Brazilians were more kindly humane; it was because they were so supremely lazy that they did not care to be bustling around among their human cattle with cowhides like the Southern planters. I must confess I never heard of labour being disorganized by the abolition and many of the slaves decided to stay with 'ole massa,' though the law improved their condition and insisted that they should receive wages. Yes, Brazil is a beautiful country, fertile and healthy, with fine scenery, and I have been all over it and into the interior. São Paulo city is a very nice place and connected with Rio and Santos, the seaports, by rail. The line is worked by wire ropes and traction engines to the latter place and is a clever piece of work. The broad gauge line to Rio is one of the finest in the world."

"About 'Yellow Jack'?" Well, it made us close the circus in 1888, the daily deaths for two weeks being 300. It was a sad thing to see friends who had only left a few hours before dying through this awful scourge. Europeans and natives alike fell victims and all business was at a standstill. The Republican spirit grew strong and old Dom Pedro was deposed and given a passport to Portugal!"

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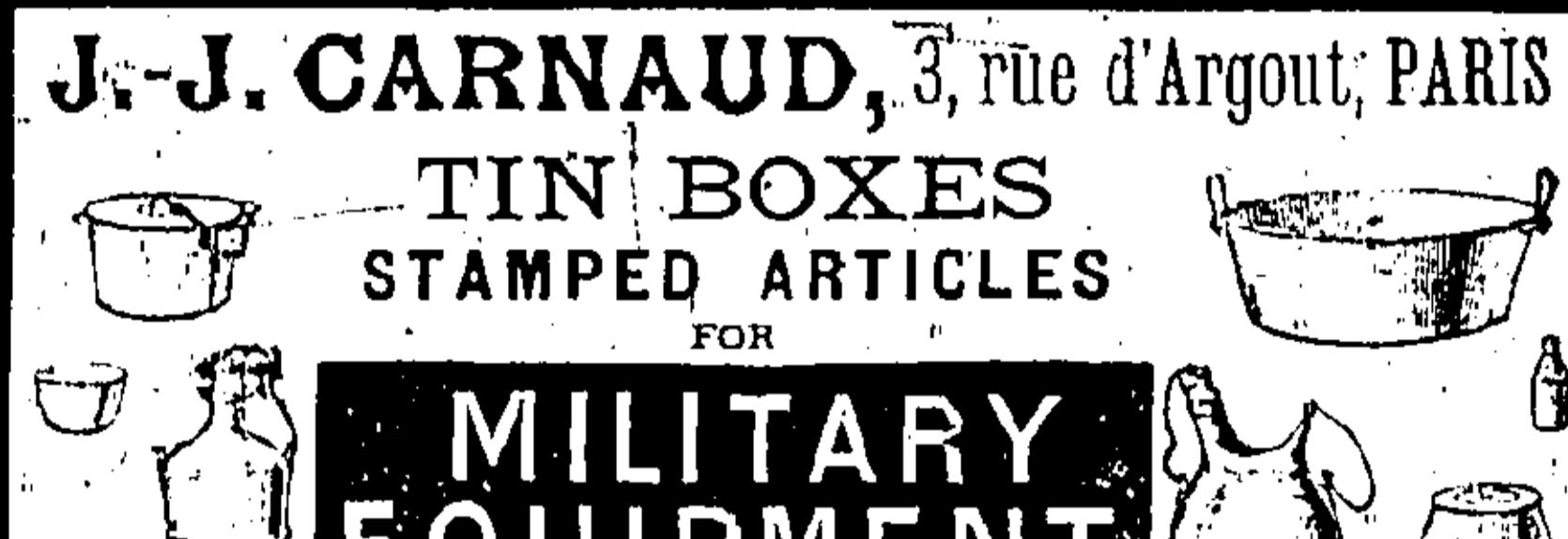
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RACQUET TOURNAMENT.

THE ANNUAL CONTEST for the CHAMPIONSHIP and the DOUBLE HANDICAP will take place during MARCH.

Entries close on the 3rd March.

LISTS will be placed for signature at the RACQUET COURT and at the HONGKONG CLUB, Hongkong, 24th February, 1897. [350]

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

THE DIVIDEND of 8 per cent. p. r. Share and BONUS of 4 per cent. per Share for the Six Months ending 31st December, 1896, DECLARED at Monday's Ordinary Yearly Meeting, will be PAYABLE at the Premises of the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION on and after TUESDAY, the 2nd February, and SHAREHOLDERS are required to apply for DIVIDEND WARRANTS at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, No. 14, Praya Central.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

THOS. I. ROSE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 22nd February, 1897. [342]

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

CONTRIBUTING SHAREHOLDERS are requested to send in a STATEMENT of BUSINESS CONTRIBUTED during the Half-Year end 31st December, 1896, on or before the 15th March, on which date the ACCOUNTS will be CLOSED.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

THOS. I. ROSE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 25th February, 1897. [352]

THE VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

NOTE is hereby given that the INTEREST of DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & CO., LIMITED, in the Business heretofore carried on by them at THE VICTORIA DISPENSARY, CEASED and DETERMINED on the 14th instant.

Outstanding Accounts of DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & CO., LIMITED before the 14th instant will be PAID by the Underwriters who will also Collect and Receive all Accounts DUE to the said Firm.

The BUSINESS will be carried on in the future under the Style of "THE VICTORIA DISPENSARY."

For "THE VICTORIA DISPENSARY,"

J. R. CAPELL,
Manager.

Hongkong, 30th January, 1897. [219]

THE RAUB AUSTRALIAN GOLD-MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

TENDERS are invited and will be received up to NOON of 31st March next, at the Offices of the Company, both in BRISBANE and SINGAPORE, for 10,000 CONTRIBUTING SHARES of £1 each Paid-up to 1/3, r.d. each in THE RAUB AUSTRALIAN GOLD MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

Tenders, which should be sealed and superscribed "TENDER FOR UNALLOTTED SHARES," must quote a price in Sterling per Share for a minimum of 200 Shares or any multiple of 200 Shares up to the maximum of 10,000 Shares and must be accompanied by 2s. 6d. deposit per Share, which will be returned in case no Allotment is made.

SCRIPT will be issued on BRISBANE or SINGAPORE REGISTER to such Purchaser.

The highest or any Tender not necessarily accepted.

By Order of the Directors,

C. P. DERRICK,
Local Secretary.

Singapore, 1st February, 1897. [262]

KUHN & KOMOR,
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21 & 23, QUEEN'S ROAD, HONGKONG,
35, WATER STREET, YOKOHAMA

and

36, DIVISION STREET, KOBE.

Hongkong, 20th February, 1897. [389]

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STEAMERS.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.
FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAIWANFOO.

THE Company's Steamship

"TALES."

Captain Douglas, will be despatched for the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 28th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LABRAK & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 27th February, 1897. [353]

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

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FOR LONDON AND ANTWERP,

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THE Company's Chartered Steamship

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Commander MacRitchie, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 1st March, at 4 P.M., instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Hongkong, 26th February, 1897. [353]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL

THE Company's Steamship

"PROMETHEUS."

Captain Day, will be despatched as above on

MONDAY, the 1st March.

For Freight, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 12th February, 1897. [353]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND

CALCUTTA.

THE Company's Steamship

"KUTSANG."

Captain Geo. Payne, will be despatched as above on

TUESDAY, the 2nd March, at 3 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 25th February, 1897. [354]

THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

VIA STRAITS AND USUAL PORTS OF CALL.

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THE Company's Steamship

"NINGCHOW."

H. Willis Jones, Commander, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 4th March.

For Freight, &c., apply to

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 26th February, 1897. [354]

FOR KOBE (DIRECT).

THE Steamship

"TOYO MARU."

Captain Hayashi, will be despatched for the

above Port on FRIDAY, the 5th March, at

Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 25th February, 1897. [355]

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL

THE Steamship

"STRATHLEVEN."

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S.S. "MACDUFF," to sail about 2nd

March, 1897.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
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Hongkong, 26th February, 1897. [355]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SAMARANG AND SOURABAYA.

THE Company's Steamship

"SHANTUNG."

Captain Frampton, will be despatched as above on

MONDAY, the 11th March.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 24th February, 1897. [355]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

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Captain Baile, will be despatched as above on

MONDAY, the 8th March.

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Hongkong, 26th February, 1897. [364]

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Captain Daniel, will be despatched as above on

WEDNESDAY, the 10th March.

For Freight, apply to

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 22nd February, 1897. [345]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND PORTS, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

THE Company's Steamship

"TAIWAN."

Captain Nelson, will be despatched on</p